

We must balance these new programs that work to reduce over-prescription with our continued efforts to ensure that medically necessary treatment be provided to people in need.

H.R. 5197, the ALTO Act, is especially important for my district and the greater Houston area.

Houston is home to many world-renowned trauma centers including Ben Taub and Memorial Hermann.

These centers have extensive emergency medical services and they, along with hospitals around the state and the nation, will benefit greatly from the support this bill provides.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for Congress to intervene before opioids claim the lives of more Americans.

The Alternatives to Opioids in the Emergency Department Act, or the ALTO Act is a necessary step towards stopping this opioid crisis.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5197, the ALTO Act, to prevent opioid addiction at the source and ensure that this crisis is stopped.

REMEMBERING LEE ADRIAN

HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of my constituents, Lee Adrian.

Lee was an active member of our community, serving as Block Captain for the Strathern Neighborhood Watch in North Hollywood, where he worked tirelessly with law enforcement agencies, private organizations, and individual citizens to reduce crime and improve our community. He was also involved with the Community Police Advisory Board for the Los Angeles Police Department Foothill Division that supports the Neighborhood Watch.

A proud patriot, Lee was known for displaying an American flag outside his home for pedestrians to admire. He was also a veteran of the United States Air Force. His love for country translated to Lee's involvement with community advocates, faith leaders, and government officials to make our community a better place for everyone.

He and his wife worked relentlessly on the Whitsett Avenue "VINTAGE NORTH HOLLYWOOD" mural until its dedication in 2014, with a drought-resistant garden on both sides of the mural. The large mural was a community effort, which can now be enjoyed by motorists traveling on Whitsett Avenue and on the 170 Freeway, north of Sherman Way.

I hope Mr. Adrian's legacy is never forgotten, and that his passion of giving back to the community inspires others to follow his lead.

TRIBUTE TO JOYCE AND CHET LAMMERT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Joyce and Chet

Lammert of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on May 18, 1958 at Missouri Valley Church of Christ.

Joyce and Chet's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

CONGRATULATING DANIEL JOSEPHSON ON WINNING THE 2018 CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Daniel Josephson on winning the 2018 Conservationist of the Year award.

The Adirondack Council's Conservationist of the Year award recognizes an individual for contributions to the Council's mission of ensuring ecological integrity and wild character of the Adirondack Park. This year, Daniel Josephson is recognized for his dedication to research and advocacy on behalf of lakes, ponds, and the Honnedaga brook trout in the Adirondack Park.

For more than 30 years, Daniel has advocated for conservation efforts in the Adirondacks by working with Cornell University's Adirondack Fishery Research Team. He used his strong research and knowledge on the impacts of acid rain on lakes and ponds to aid advocates in influencing Congress, resulting in legislation that would increase cuts to air pollution. Through his passion for communicating scientific knowledge to help conservationists promote policy change, Daniel played an instrumental role in conserving the beauty and ecological value of the Adirondacks.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate Daniel on his well-deserved award, and thank him for his continued commitment to protecting the Adirondack Park, its natural resources, and its native species.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 5102 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER WORKFORCE LOAN REPAYMENT ACT OF 2018

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5102, the Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Act of 2018.

H.R. 5102 would establish a loan repayment program for mental health professionals practicing in areas with few mental health providers or with high death rates from overdose.

Mr. Speaker, this bill will amend the Public Health Service Act to create a loan repayment program for individuals who complete a period of service in a substance use disorder treatment job in a mental health professional shortage area and counties where the drug overdose death rate is higher than the national average.

This bill authorizes \$25 million per year over fiscal years 2019–2028.

H.R. 5102 will strengthen America's substance abuse treatment workforce and provide for greater access to care for patients who need it the most.

Mr. Speaker, the current trends of substance abuse in the U.S. are startling.

A Columbia University study found that over 40 million Americans age 12 and over meet the clinical criteria for drug addiction and abuse.

As substance abuse rates and death from overdose rates increase, studies project a shortage of 85,000 physicians in 2020—the impact of which will be the most devastating in rural communities.

In my home state of Texas, 10.1 people die per 100,000 in the population from drug overdoses.

In 2016, in Houston there were 364 drug overdose related deaths reported.

H.R. 5102 addresses these critical issues by providing an additional path for health care providers to practice in rural and underserved communities, ultimately giving greater access to care for those suffering from substance use disorder.

This piece of legislation will strengthen rural health care systems and will improve access to care for patients in these rural communities.

Mr. Speaker, the Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Act of 2018 will help build a well-equipped workforce to combat the current rise in substance use disorders.

RECOGNIZING THE 2018 GREATER RESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce Annual Chamber Excellence (ACE) Awards. These awards are presented to individuals, organizations, and businesses whose extraordinary efforts make our community a better place.

I have been proud to represent this community since my days as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The level of civic engagement celebrated by these awards is a testament to the community spirit of Reston. I have often said that civic engagement is a key indicator of a healthy community and tonight's event proves that Reston is one of the healthiest communities in all of Northern Virginia! That is due in no small part to the actions of those honored here this evening and I extend my congratulations to all of tonight's honorees. I also wish to thank Charles Kapur and Mark Ingrao of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce for their tireless efforts on